

NSC-246th Meeting

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April 25, 1955

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

For the Meeting to be held in the
Conference Room of The White House,
Thursday, April 28, 1955,
at 10:00 a.m.

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ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM 1 -- STATUS OF UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954; THE MOBILIZA-
TION PROGRAM
(NSC 5509, Part 4)

For discussion of the subject in the light of
an oral briefing by the Director, Office of
Defense Mobilization, based upon Part 4 of
NSC 5509.

ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM 2 -- ELECTRO-MAGNETIC COMMUNICATIONS.
EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
(NSC 169; Progress Report, dated January 10, 1955,
by ODM on par. 8 of NSC 169; Memos for NSC from
Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February
2, March 24 and April 15, 1955)

For consideration of the subject in the light
of the memorandum by the Director, Office of
Defense Mobilization, transmitted by the
reference memorandum of March 24, and of the
recommendations contained in the reference
memorandum of April 15.

ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM 3 -- SIGNIFICANT WORLD DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING U.S.
SECURITY

For discussion in the light of an oral
briefing on the subject by the Director of
Central Intelligence.

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ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION

ITEM 4 -- U.S. POSITION ON AN AUSTRIAN STATE TREATY
(NSC Action No. 1383-G)

For further consideration of the U.S. position regarding an Austrian State Treaty, including consideration of the wisdom of the U.S. participating in a guarantee of the independence and territorial integrity of Austria.

ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

ITEM 5 -- DEVELOPMENTS IN VIETNAM
(NSC Action No. 1316)

For discussion of an oral report by the Secretary of State on developments in Vietnam.

ITEM FOR INFORMATION - *deleted 27 Apr 55*

ITEM 6 -- UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE NEAR EAST
(NSC 5428; Progress Report, dated April 7, 1955, by the OCB on NSC 5428)

To note the reference Progress Report by the Operations Coordinating Board on the subject.

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MAY DAY FLY-BY

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I. Last year's May Day parade in Moscow featured a single [REDACTED]--the USSR's new four-engine jet heavy bomber. [L.H. B-52]

A. During rehearsals for this year's parade--next Sunday--our observers have seen as many as ten [REDACTED] at a time, flying in formation.

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B. Sighting of this many means that the Soviet heavy bomber program is substantially more advanced than had been estimated.

C. ^{Previous} ~~Our old~~ estimates held that the USSR would not start series production of these jet heavy bombers until the third quarter of 1955.

II. The Air Force is presently revising these former estimates.

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A. Range of the [REDACTED] (map), in round-trip flight from Siberian bases (without benefit of "in-flight refueling") covers the continental US in an arc from Santa Barbara to Duluth.

III. Rehearsals for Sunday's air parade have also shown Western observers several other new Soviet planes. Among these are:

A. A four-engine (turbo-prop) swept-wing plane, of heavy bomber size.

1. The Air Force is unable to assess the purpose of the new type until more information is available.

2. Construction of a turbo-prop heavy "bomber" is not expected, since

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[REDACTED] is already in production and a large high-performance cargo plane (suitable for modification as an aerial tanker), would seem a more urgent Soviet military need. (See chart).

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B. A twin jet-engine swept-wing aircraft somewhat larger than a fighter.

1. This is probably a candidate to replace the jet light bomber now flown by tactical and naval elements of the Soviet air establishment. 

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C. At least one jet fighter similar in appearance to the MIG. - *Further development of MIG -*

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